

A Noisy Silence

Level E



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Raj is nervous for his math test today. Raj makes noise during the test. He softly hums a song he heard on the radio that morning. Hummm, humm.



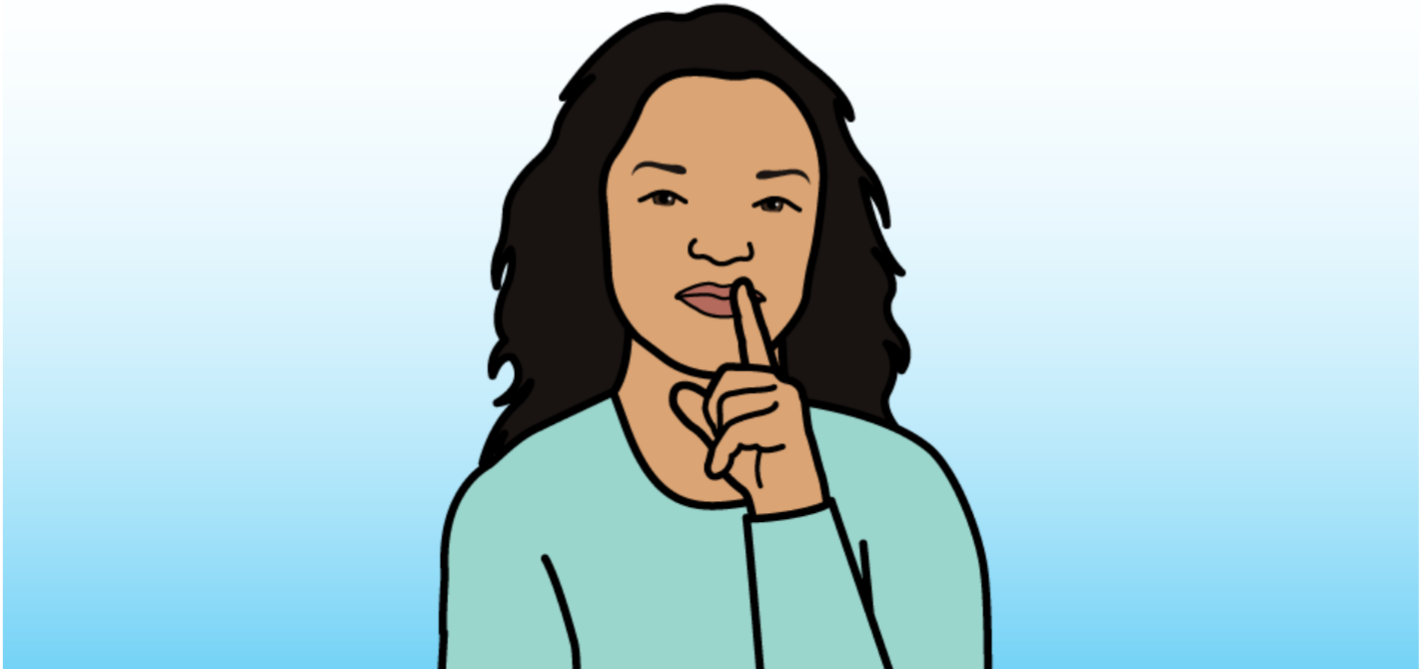


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Raj's teacher says. Raj tries to be quiet.

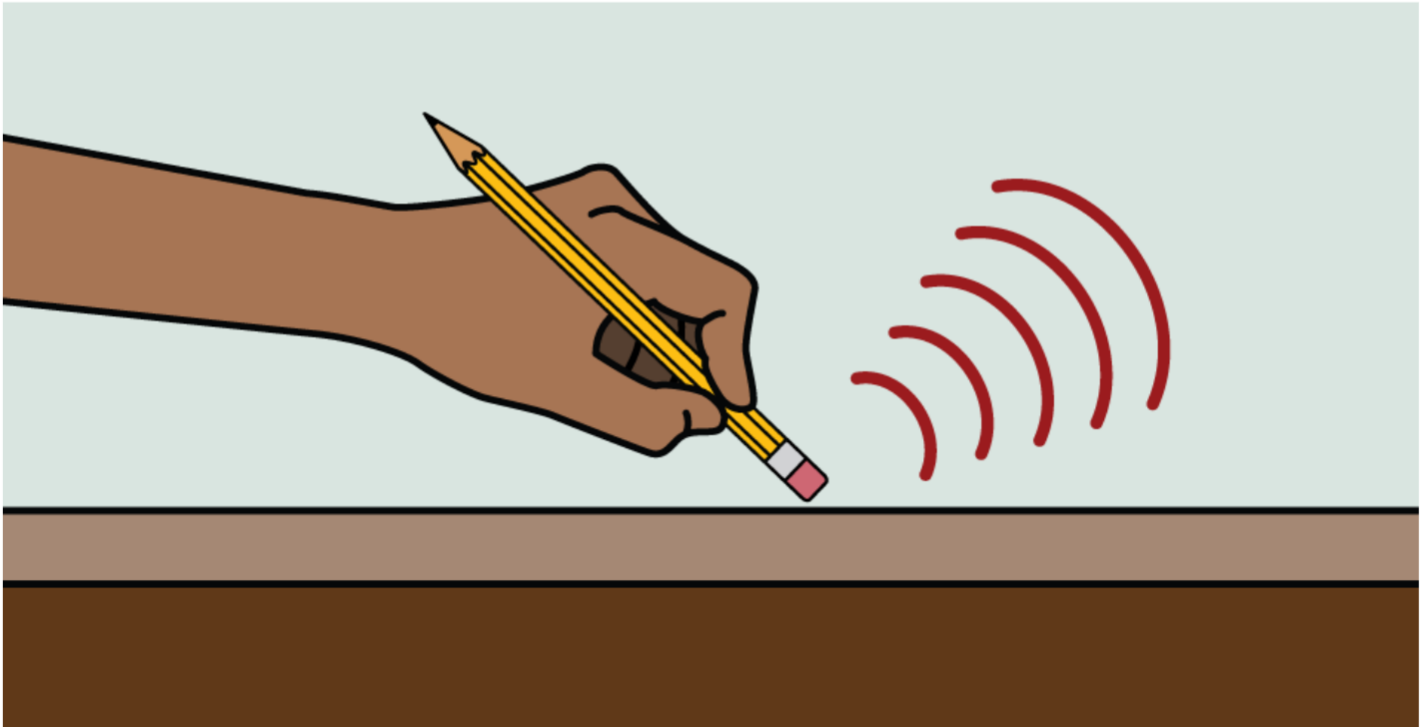


The teacher explains the directions. Raj drums his hands on the desk. It makes a beat. Ba-bum, ba-bum.





"Shhh, Raj ! You are making noise. Please be quiet,"
Raj's classmate says. Raj tries to be quiet.



Raj waits for his teacher to pass out the tests. He is nervous. He taps his pencil on the desk. Tap, tap, tap.





"Shhh, Raj ! You are making noise. Please be quiet,"
Raj's teacher says. Raj tries to be quiet.



Raj raises his hand and waits for the teacher to answer his question. Raj chews his gum. He blows a big bubble. He smacks his gum and chews loudly. Pop, smack !





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Raj's friend says. Raj tries to be quiet.**



Raj finishes his test. He crinkles up the scrap paper and tosses it in the garbage can. Crinkle, crinkle.





"Shhh, Raj !" the whole class says. Raj says, "It's not that loud ! How can everyone hear it ?"



The teacher explains, "It's not that you are being so loud, Raj. Even the smallest noise makes a sound wave. Everyone can hear the noise."



"So, even a little sound like tapping my pencil can move around the room," Raj says. "I will be quiet during our next test !"



The End

yes



no



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make		hear		softly		Raj		test		noise	
hum		tap		quiet		song		teacher		hand	
drum		pop		loud		desk		pencil		gum	
blow bubble						paper		sound wave			
chew											
crinkle											

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